

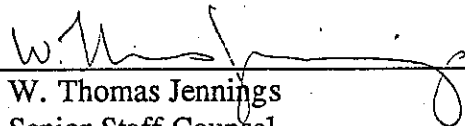
REQUEST FOR EARLY EFFECTIVE DATE

Pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(d), the Air Resources Board (ARB) requests that the adoption of sections 2263.7 and 2266.5, and amendments to sections 2260, 2262.5, 2264, 2265, and 2272 of Title 13, California Code of Regulations (CCR), become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State. Good cause for this request exists.

All of the amendments and new sections pertain to the California Phase 2 reformulated gasoline (CaRFG) regulations, which establish a comprehensive set of specifications for gasoline designed to achieve the maximum reductions in emissions of criteria pollutants and toxic air contaminants from gasoline-powered motor vehicles. The CaRFG regulations include standards applicable to gasoline when it is shipped from California refineries or import facilities; these standards apply starting March 1, 1996. The amendments made in this rulemaking are designed to provide additional compliance flexibility to refiners and gasoline distributors, and to make minor corrections and clarifications of the CaRFG requirements. It is necessary for the amendments to become effective on filing with the Secretary of State so that will be applicable by the March 1, 1996 implementation date. The refiners and others who participated in the rulemaking supported the amendments.

The ARB intends to promptly notify gasoline refiners, importers and distributors of the date on which the amendments become effective. This will be done by notifying the Western States Petroleum Association (the trade association represent large refiners), the Western Independent Refiners Association (the trade association represent small refiners), and the California Independent Oil Marketers Association.)

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